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Iraqis work alongside U.S. police officers for a unique on-the-job experience.

U.S.-based training is only a small component of the broader police development mission in Iraq that will come under State Department management on October 1, 2011. INL, in partnership with the Iraqi government, will begin a new phase of police development through a civilian program focused on enhancing the capabilities and professionalism of Iraqi police and border forces throughout the country. Working closely with high-level officials from the Ministry of Interior, INL advisors and subject matter experts will strengthen management, leadership and advanced policing skills and encourage community policing through prevention and detection in partnership with the community.

Current plans for the partnership call for 190 U.S. advisors to provide on-site engagement, mentoring and advising at approximately 30 locations in ten of the 18 Iraqi provinces, reaching approximately 55% of the roughly 287,000 police assigned to the Iraqi Police Service and focused on population centers representing more than 65% of the Iraqi population.

Through police development efforts in both Iraq and the U.S., INL will facilitate a professional, competent, and self-sufficient Ministry of Interior that provides security and stability to its citizens and is able to effectively counter terrorism and organized crime. ●

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*Hip-hop artists HaviKoro perform with D.A.R.E. students.*

## Hip Hop Artists Support Anti-Drug Efforts in Nicaragua

U.S. Embassy Managua's INL and Public Diplomacy sections teamed up with the Nicaraguan National Police to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in Nicaragua as part of a cultural exchange with American hip hop artists HaviKoro. The high-energy group came to Nicaragua to showcase their stories, talents and positive life messages, pushing alternatives to gangs and drugs to local at-risk youth.

The Houston, Texas-based crew took Nicaragua by storm March 6-13, 2011. Joining forces with Nicaraguan crew OSBC (Original Style Breaks Crew), HaviKoro held workshops, motivational talks and free, public performances in the Pacific and Caribbean regions of Nicaragua.

The visit culminated in a live performance in the Rubén Darío National Theater on

March 13. It was a packed house that included 1000 D.A.R.E. students from Managua and surrounding communities. HaviKoro promoted a drug- and crime-free life through rap, dance, poetry, skits, and on-stage interaction with their enthusiastic audience.

HaviKoro led by example, showing that disadvantaged kids can overcome the challenges of gangs, poverty, and street pressure by focusing on a passion, and developing that interest through dedication. Additionally, the group highlighted that "staying in school opens the door for a lifetime of success."

The collaborative exchange reached almost 2,500 D.A.R.E. students and was featured in all major print dailies, as well as in extensive TV and radio coverage to nearly half a million people. ●

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As part of the State Department's Iraq Police Development Program to be launched later this year, the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) recently awarded a Police Education grant to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). The three-year grant for approximately \$4.7 million will provide Iraqi police officers, judicial investigators and corrections officers with the opportunity for enhanced professional development in law enforcement skills, knowledge and specialized expertise.

IACP will utilize State Department funding to invite as many as 120 selected Iraqi officers—ten per training cycle—to the U.S. to participate in a wide range of customized training courses provided by 15 participating federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. In addition to core courses in management and leadership, the program will offer specialized courses in areas such as criminal investigation, forensics, and border enforcement. The grant-funded program will also seek to establish solid, long-term relationships as

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*Angel David Chamizo (left) during air operation.*

## Angel David Chamizo—In Memorium

It is with great sorrow that the Narcotics Affairs Section (NAS) in Peru announces the passing of Angel David Chamizo, Eradication Operations Officer. In every sense, Angel exemplified the "American Dream." Leaving his native Cuba alone, he arrived in the U.S. when he was 12 and lived in various foster homes in Miami until he reunited with his family in the mid 1960's. In 1968 he joined the United States Army and served 20 years until his retirement as a Master Sergeant. He served in Viet Nam as a helicopter door gunner/crew chief and finished his career as a Special Forces Medic.

He began working for the NAS in Peru in 1991, beginning as a security specialist and later as eradication advisor. In the last nine years Angel became a recognized expert on coca eradication in Peru and was constantly sought for advice by Peruvian and U.S. personnel charged with developing policy related matters on the subject.

Angel is survived by his wife Rocio Castro, also a U.S. Embassy employee, and two grown children living in the United States. A funeral mass was held in Lima on 11 March. ●

*Angel reviewing interdiction operation.*



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Cecilia Bratten discusses new initiatives with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice Dusko Marcovic.

## Rule of law program in Montenegro Receives Support from Deputy Prime Minister Marcovic

On February 15, 2011, Cecilia Bratten, INL's new rule of law advisor in Montenegro, was invited to meet with recently appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice Dusko Marcovic. Minister Marcovic has also recently assumed the chair of Montenegro's Anti-Corruption Commission. Minister Marcovic expressed his strong support for the partnership between INL's criminal justice programs and Montenegro's newest initiative for combating organized crime and corruption, the Joint Investigative Team. INL assistance will be focused on developing the Joint Investigative Team as a model of effective prosecution-law enforcement coordination.

Bratten was also invited to meet with Zoran Ulama, Head of Montenegro's Office for the Fight against Human Trafficking to discuss joint projects, including partnering on a multi-disciplinary training focused on the role the media can play in combating human trafficking. The goal of the training would be to bring members of the press and media outlets together with criminal justice officials to establish a cooperative approach to combating human trafficking. •

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## International Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition

INL is supporting Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) to adapt its community coalition model internationally. CADCA is a leading U.S. drug abuse prevention organization, representing the interests of more than 5,000 community anti-drug coalitions in the United States. The community coalition model involves training local grassroots groups, known as community anti-drug coalitions, in effective community problem-solving strategies, including how to assess their local drug abuse-related problems and develop a comprehensive plan, along with the implementation of evidence-based strategies to create population-level change.

INL began coalition building efforts in Peru in 2004 with the development of 11 coalitions in Lima. The impacted communities began to take strategic action

to deal with drug problems, prompting additional requests for training. Today there are 35 active coalitions in Peru, 11 in Brazil, with another 8 in Guatemala, Colombia and Mexico. Coalition building efforts are also underway in Honduras, El Salvador and Bolivia.

Last year INL expanded training efforts to South Africa, with initial training for six townships in the Cape Town region. Community coalition training will continue in South Africa in 2011, and the INL-CADCA partnership will expand coalition training to Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana and Zambia as well as the Philippines. •

Trainers with members from Marichuela Community Coalition in Bogota, Colombia on November 11, 2010.



Left: As part of an awareness campaign in their community, the coalition from Pindamonhangaba in Brazil held a bike ride and rally. Right Top: Trainers and NAS Colombia representatives Brendan Mullarkey and Alexandra Paez pose for a picture with the community coalition in Palmar de Varela during an INL sponsored training in October, 2010. Right Below: The coalition from Santa Catarina Pinula in Guatemala being trained on how to forge relationships in the community through Knock and Talks.



## INL Anticorruption Team Crams for Exams

The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs anticorruption team has been busy analyzing the United States' anticorruption laws and practices as a vital part of our participation in a number of international frameworks to which the United States is party. These range from the Organization of American States' Mechanism for Follow-Up on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (ME-SICIC) to The Council of Europe's Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO). The team's current focus is on the new mechanism to review implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). These are key mechanisms in combating corruption

which, as events in the Middle East and elsewhere have shown, is an important international issue.

In these “Mutual Evaluations,” countries have agreed to review each other's compliance in meeting international standards. The assessments usually begin with a comprehensive series of self-assessment questions, and in many cases proceed to a country visit by the experts from peer countries. By this summer, the United States will have gone through four such peer reviews in the prior 12 months, with participation from the State Department and a wide range of U.S. agencies. The U.S. aims to set a standard, or “best practice” in such reviews by participating actively, involving as many relevant stakehold-

ers such as the private sector and non-governmental organizations as possible, publicizing the results of our assessments, and confidently identify areas where improvements should be made. The resulting documents note areas where we and other countries can improve and highlight achievements—such as the fact that the United States is the world leader in terms of enforcement actions related to bribery of foreign government officials to win business. •



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## NAS Peru funds the first recipe book highlighting nutritional uses for the entire cacao plant

The Peruvian Institute of Nutrition, Education and Development (INED) has recently discovered the edible and nutritional value of the cacao fruit husk and pulp which has the potential to open a wide range of nutritional, gastronomic and economic development opportunities for rural populations east of the Andes. Traditionally the cacao plant has only been valued for its seeds for the production of chocolate. Following the revelations of INED's study, and after many months of cooking experiments, INED—with NAS Lima funding—has created a breakthrough recipe book on cooking with the entire cacao fruit. Celebrating that cacao is not only chocolate, the Recipe Book of Cooking with the Cacao Fruit was officially launched in the Amazon city of Tarapoto on March 11, 2011 to an audience of over four hundred farmers, students and

entrepreneurs complete with a cooking demonstration and buffet. In alliance with the Tarapoto/San Martin Chamber of Commerce, the Provincial Municipality of Tarapoto, the Institute of Tropical Crops (ICT) and the Chef School of Tarapoto, the event was heralded a success.

INED chef displays the edible husk of the cacao fruit.



## Saul Espinoza of NAS Peru Honored

Mr. Saul Espinoza, of INL's NAS in Peru, is the US Embassy Lima Locally Employed Staff (LES) of the Quarter from October to December 2010. He has been a member of NAS for 11 years. Saul

was recognized for his initiative, procurement expertise, and computer savvy. He has become the office expert on the ARIBA procurement software, which is new and not designed for the unusual procurements that INL does. •



Ambassador Rose Liking congratulates Saul Espinoza.